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Review of the calendar of meetings

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The present note contains a draft calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1994 and an indicative calendar for 1995. These are based on the calendars approved by the Board at the first part of its fortieth session, and subsequently adjusted at consultations of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on 17 January 1994.

2. The attached draft calendar for the remainder of 1994 contains certain suggested adjustments, as follows.

Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore, third session

3. It is suggested that this meeting, previously scheduled from 26 - 28 October, commence two days earlier, in order to avoid overlapping with the ECE Steel Committee. It would thus be held from 24 to 26 October.

Ad Hoc Group of Experts on use of market-based risk management instruments in commodity trade

4. The Standing Committee on Commodities, in the agreed conclusions adopted at its second session, agreed to pursue work on the use of market-based risk management instruments through an Ad Hoc Group of Experts. It is suggested that this Group should meet just before the third session of the Standing Committee, that is in the period 26 - 28 October.

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Symposium for Land-locked and Transit Developing Countries

5. General Assembly resolution 48/169, paragraph 12, invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to organize, in collaboration with the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Heads of the regional commissions, a symposium in 1994 to address specific regional problems in implementing the recommendations of the Meeting of Governmental Experts from Land-locked and Transit Developing Countries and Representatives of Donor Countries and Financial Development Institutions held in New York in May 1993.

It is suggested that this Symposium be held from 9 to 11 November 1994.

United Nations Conference on Natural Rubber, 1994, second part

6. At the closing meeting of its first part, on 15 April 1994, the United Nations Conference on Natural Rubber, 1994, requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to make arrangements to reconvene the Conference from 3 to 14 October, 1994, to enable it to complete its work.

UNCTAD CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 1/ 2/

A. Draft calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1994

	Date
Third Ad Hoc Review Meeting on Bauxite	2-3 May
Ad Hoc Working Group on Trade Efficiency, third session 3/	2-6 May
Commission on Transnational Corporations, twentieth session 4/	2-11 May
Special Committee on Preferences, twenty-first session	16-20 May
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, fortieth session second part (resumed), mid-term review (para. 68 of the Cartagena Commitment)	25-27 May
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries	27 June - 1 July
Ad Hoc Working Group on Expansion of Trading Opportunities for Developing Countries, fourth session	4-8 July 5/
STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPING SERVICES SECTORS: Insurance, second session	4-8 July
STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPING SERVICES SECTORS: Shipping, second session	11-15 July
STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPING SERVICES SECTORS: FOSTERING COMPETITIVE SERVICES SECTORS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, second session	18-22 July
STANDING COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION, second session	25-29 July
Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme Budget, twenty-fourth session	12-16 September
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, forty-first session, first part	19-30 September
United Nations Conference on Natural Rubber, 1994, second part	3-14 October
United Nations International Symposium on Trade Efficiency 6/	17-21 October
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, thirteenth session	24-28 October
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore, third session	24-26 October
Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Risk Management in Commodities Trade	26-28 October
STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES, third session	31 October-

	4 November
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Tungsten, third session	7-9 November

Draft calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1994 (continued)

	Date
Symposium for Land-locked and Transit Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 48/169)	9-11 November
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, second session	14-18 November
Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT 4/	(1 week in November)
Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Maritime Liens and Mortgages and Related Subjects	5-9 December

B. Indicative calendar of meetings for 1995 7/ 8/

STANDING COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION, third session	27 February-3 March
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, fourteenth session	6-10 March
Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme Budget, twenty-fifth session	13-17 March
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, forty-first session, second part	27 March-7 April
Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT 4/	(1 week in April)
STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPING SERVICES SECTORS: Shipping, third session	24-28 April
Special Committee on Preferences, twenty-second session	1-5 May
STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPING SERVICES SECTORS: Insurance, third session	29 May-2 June
Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and the Programme Budget, twenty-sixth session	28 August-1 September
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, forty-second session, first part	11-22 September
High-Level Meeting on the Mid-term Global Review on Least Developed Countries (General Assembly resolution 48/171)	25 September-6 October

STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPING SERVICES SECTORS: FOSTERING COMPETITIVE SERVICES SECTORS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, third session	9-13 October
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore, fourth session	25-27 October
STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES, fourth session	30 October-3 November

Draft calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1994 (continued)

B. Indicative calendar of meetings for 1995 7/ 8/

	Date
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Tungsten, fourth session	6-10 November
Third United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (para. 17 of the resolution adopted at the Second Conference - annex to document TD/RBP/CONF.3/9)	13-24 November
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, third session	27 November-1 December

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Ad Hoc working groups	As required (up to 16 weeks)
Commodity conferences and other commodity meetings (1994-1995)	As required (up to 24 weeks)
Working parties, study groups and expert groups (1994-1995)	As required (up to 20 weeks)

Notes

1/ Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held in Geneva. All meetings listed are subject to a written notification, which is normally dispatched six weeks before the opening date.

2/ The Board will meet in short one-day or half-day executive sessions at the level of Permanent Representatives immediately before its regular sessions, and periodically in between.

3/ With the possibility of an extension until 11 May, subject to resources being available.

4/ Listed for information.

5/ Requested by the Group to be held in June 1994.

6/ To be held in Columbus, Ohio, United States of America.

7/ The Commission on Transnational Corporations, the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will meet in Geneva in 1995 on dates to be determined.

8/ Consideration would need to be given to the timing of UNCTAD IX. It is recalled that UNCTAD VIII was originally scheduled to be held in the Summer of 1991, but practical problems regarding the hosting of the Conference resulted in its being held in February 1992. Rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the Conference provides: "The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development ... shall normally meet at intervals of not more than four years."